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1. The western portion of Doeberitz-Altes Lager (N 53°2' 65") contained: garages for 80 to 100 vehicles; a two-story warehouse about 30 meters long; three small dwelling houses; a small gasoline dump; and a few troop billets. Trucks, tanks and SP guns, including two SP guns of 100 to 120-mm caliber, were observed in the camp area. Eight trucks

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[redacted] entered the camp through the southern main gate on Highway No 103 on 8 March 1951. Each truck carried 7 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and towed a field howitzer. They were followed by four trucks, each with two soldiers but without artillery pieces. Several JS tanks were seen crossing the highway near the camp at about 2:30 p. m. Eight tanks, apparently T-34 models, entered the camp through the southern main gate at 3:30 p. m. on 10 March. They were followed by a motor convoy which included trucks [redacted]. Each truck carried 15 soldiers and towed an AT gun of 60 to 70-mm caliber; one truck was loaded with boxes. There were also two armored personnel carriers carrying 7 soldiers each; two motorcycles with two soldiers each; and twelve motorcycles with sidecars carrying three soldiers each. All troops in the convoy wore red-bordered black epaulets and carried submachine guns with drum magazines.

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2. There were 10 to 12 trucks towing heavy mortars; and troops engaged in infantry training were seen at the drill ground fronting on Highway No 103.

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3. The garages south of Highway No 103 were filled to capacity by trucks of units which were temporarily located at Altes Lager. There were no indications that the garages belonged to a repair shop. One model BA-64 armored reconnaissance car was also observed there. (1)

4. Four piles of ammunition boxes, each apparently containing three rounds of 100 to 120-mm fixed ammunition, were observed between the two spur tracks north of the warehouse which is located west of the Dallgow-Doeberitz railroad station. The total number of boxes was estimated at 150 to 200. More ammunition boxes of various sizes were seen through the open door of the warehouse on 16 March (2).

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5. A T-34 tank with guards designation entered the Flak Kaserne on 8 March and eight T-34 tanks and two armored reconnaissance cars entered on 10 March. The installation was surrounded by a board and wire fence, about two meters high, which largely obstructed the view into the billeting area. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets. (1)

6. Officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and dark green epaulets were observed at the three-story building opposite the main gate of the Adler Kaserne. The signboard over the door of the building bore the inscription "EM CCCP". Local residents said that Germans apprehended while stealing coal or firewood were interrogated there. (3)

7. Sentries at Olympisches Dorf wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]

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[redacted] a school for officers and officer candidates of infantry, artillery and tank units, allegedly from all parts of the Soviet Zone of Germany, was located there. The course for officers lasted from October to July. There were 950 junior lieutenants, lieutenants and senior lieutenants who received primarily political indoctrination, and also some training with heavy weapons, machine guns, rifles and pistols. The second course lasted 12 months and consisted of 250 officer candidates who received primarily arms training and, secondarily, political indoctrination. The trainees allegedly would be appointed to the rank of junior lieutenant upon graduation. The officer candidates wore standard epaulets edged with gold braid about one cm wide and opened toward the shoulders. The school staff consisted of two generals, one of whom was allegedly due for reassignment, and 80 officers, mainly majors and colonels, and NCOs. Reenlisted NCOs wore a chevron of gold braid, about one cm wide with the point down and 10 cm long, on their left upper sleeves. (4)

8. T-34 tanks [redacted] were seen enroute from Elstal toward Priort on 14 March.

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9. The barracks installation in Gross Clienick was heavily occupied by troops on 19 March. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was noted. [redacted]

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[redacted] road leading from the barracks installation to the troop training grounds across the Seeburg-Gross Clienick highway was heavily rutted by tank treads. A new compound, surrounded by a high board fence, has been built opposite the billeting area. It contained a low wooden building in its center and watchtowers with guards at two corners. (5)

[redacted] Comments.

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- (1) [redacted] component units of the 1st Necz Div are stationed in the Dallgow-Doeberitz area. [redacted] The installations there include the Altes Lager, Olympisches Dorf, the Flak Kaserne, the Loewen Kaserne or installation of the former German Inf Instruction Regt, the Luftwaffen or Adler Kaserne and the Panzer Kaserne in Rohrbeck.
- (2) The warehouse probably stores ammunition of the 1st Necz Div.
- (3) Probably a court of the Soviet War Ministry, because the letters BM stand for War Ministry and the letter C for court. However, the C should have been placed before the BM to read CM. The officers with dark green epaulets probably belonged to the NCB.
- (4) The officer training courses in Olympisches Dorf were previously reported. [redacted]

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the installation quartered 2,000 troops.

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the installation is occupied by components of the 10th Cds Tank Div and units of the Fourth Cds Mecz Army.

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